

**MINUTES OF
CITY OF DUVALL
COUNCIL MEETING
February 11, 2010
7:00 P.M. - Duvall Fire Station
15600 – 1st Avenue NE, Duvall**

**Council Workshop 6:00 PM: Discussion – Information Technology – 30 minutes
 Discussion – Pre-Retreat Council Discussion – 30 minutes**

The City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Ibershof at 7:03 P.M.

Council Present: Gérard Cattin, Dianne Brudnicki, Vicki Edwards, Elizabeth Walker,
 Gary Gill, Amy Ockerlander, Glen Kuntz.

Staff Present: Steve Leniszewski, Glenn Merryman, Harry Oestreich, Jodee Schwinn.

I. Additions or Corrections to the Agenda:

Under Consent Agenda add: Payroll including checks #9817-#9836 in the amount of \$206,410.41; Claims including electronic funds transfer and checks #9921-9999, #9826, #9841, and #9836-9840, in the amount of \$145,139.26. Under Council add: Councilmembers Gérard Cattin and Amy Ockerlander.

II. Adoption of Council Agenda:

*It was moved and seconded (Edwards-Ockerlander) to adopt the Council Agenda.
The motion carried. (7 ayes).*

III. Comments from the Audience:

Mathew Higgins, co-owner of the Duvall True Value Hardware Store, said he was speaking on behalf of his business and also of owners of a group of downtown businesses including Duvall Family Drugs, Duvall Auto Parts, Duvall Shell Gas Station, Duvall Family Grocer, GSR Rentals, and Rocking E Feeds. He distributed a letter to the City Council opposing the road closure that is being proposed for Duvall Days on June 5th. He emphasized the impact the road closure can have on local businesses in downtown. Being out of business for 1 day can wipe out the entire profit that would be made in a month. He and the other businesses also feel that they have been treated with extreme disregard that none of them were consulted before the plan to close Main Street for Duvall Days was announced. He and the other business owners asked that the City Council take their comments into consideration when reviewing the proposed road closure for Duvall Days 2010.

Jay Beavers, a long-time Duvall resident, said that Google has announced a new program that they will be providing to some local communities. Google is looking at laying fiber optic lines in local communities to provide high speed internet access, and they are looking for Pilot Communities. He believes that Duvall should apply to become one of the Pilot Communities for the service. He said that to make it happen a 10-page application and proposal must be completed and submitted to Google. He has spoken with Mayor Ibershof about helping to facilitate completing the application and making a proposal to Google to consider the community of Duvall as a Pilot Program for the new service.

Harry Seese, Cameron Park Resident, said he sees a problem that has an effect on everyone's property value and that is signs all over town. He said that driving north from Copper Hill Square to Downtown on Main Street is especially bad. He cannot believe the amount of signage along the street, and signs of all kinds and manner. He has a real problem with the non-enforcement, or little enforcement, of signage in town. He said that another area that is particularly bad is at the corner of NE 150th Street & NE 152nd Street. Normally there are 15-20 signs in that location, and now somebody has even suspended a 4' – 6' sign from a rope in that area. He would like someone to review the City Ordinances regarding signage and enforce the sign code. He said it looks terrible, especially after all the money that was spent on making downtown look good, then you drive through town and there are so many sandwich board signs and a-frame signs. He feels the signage issue should be attended to.

Kris Wentworth, Director of Duvall Days, said she felt it was necessary to address some of the issues mentioned earlier in the public comments regarding the road closure for Duvall Days. She stated that she and the President of the Duvall Chamber of Commerce personally walked through town and hand-delivered notices to every business in town inviting each of them to come to a meeting regarding Duvall Days. She emphasized that they would never intentionally harm any businesses in town. She reported that business owners were invited to come to planning meetings for Duvall Days, and to provide input to help make decisions regarding the event. Kris reported that she has been working with the guidance of the City Council, the Steering Committee, the Duvall Cultural Commission, and other groups that have managed past events in the community. Their goal was to come up with a plan that would serve as many people in the community as possible. She said that approximately 90-95% of businesses are in support of closing Main Street for Duvall Days. She also said that everyone involved with the Duvall Days planning is doing everything they can to help support the local businesses during the event this year.

Patty Sharp, speaking on behalf of St. Vincent de Paul, said she wanted to say a few words about St. Vincent de Paul. St. Vincent de Paul has applied for a City of Duvall Human Services Grant. She wanted to let everyone know what St. Vincent de Paul does and the work that they perform in our community. She said their services are performed completely by volunteers. Their outreach is also unique in that they provide home visits. They are able to visit with people in the home, discern their needs, and then provide compassion, hope, and assistance for those that are struggling with things like paying utility bills or rent. In these tough economic times the need has been big. St. Vincent de Paul serves the most vulnerable population including all families and children. They

receive requests for help for basic human needs including housing, utilities, clothing, and food. Many times St. Vincent de Paul is helping to prevent an eviction or utility shutoff. They help all in need regardless of creed. She emphasized how very grateful St. Vincent de Paul is for all of the support that they receive, and without that support, the volunteers would not have the resources to assist those at risk in the community. She reiterated that they do serve the whole valley and that 63% of those they helped last year were located right in Duvall.

Ray Burhen, Box 6, Duvall, speaking as a member of the Sno-Valley Senior Center Board, thanked the City, the Mayor and the Councilmembers for the generous support over the years, especially in the financial area. They hope that the City can continue their support of the Senior Center this coming year. They all understand that the City is experiencing financial issues, as most agencies are. The Senior Center also has some very significant financial issues. The center raises a substantial amount of funding on its own, but they also depend on several major revenue streams to provide support. Some of those funding sources have been severely cut this year, so the Center is really hopeful that the City can continue its support of the Senior Center this year. Ray also mentioned that Amaro Oden, who is in attendance at tonight's City Council Meeting, is doing an excellent job as the Director of the Center. He said she is also doing a great job of guiding the Center through perilous current financial waters. He thanked the City again for their support of the Senior Center and hopes that it can continue for some time to come.

Tove Burhen, Box 6, Duvall, said that she and her friends enjoy the Sno-Valley Senior Center very much. She shared that on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, you will see so many seniors at the Center attending Paige Denison's exercise class. She commented that just last week she enjoyed a program at the Adult Day Health Care at the Center. She emphasized how much that program means to the seniors and their families. She said on Wednesday her clothing group at the Center started a quilt that will be raffled off as a fundraiser for the Senior Center, and next week a dozen or so of her lunch bunch friends from Duvall will attend the monthly Birthday Lunch there too. Tove reported that one elderly gentleman from Duvall, who is almost completely blind, catches the van to the Senior Center almost everyday for fellowship and lunch. Bingo, Bridge, and other games are popular there, and the many classes offered at the Center are very worthwhile. She explained that the monthly trips mean so much to those seniors that aren't able to drive and the monthly steak dinners get the people from Duvall and Carnation to meet each other and enjoy the meals provided by so many volunteers. Tove said she is looking forward to all that can be done at the Senior Center in 2010, with the help of the City of Duvall.

Marcelina McGinnis, P.O. Box 1439, President of the Duvall Chamber of Commerce, said that the Duvall Chamber has requested \$500 from the City of Duvall Community Event Grant Funding for the 2010 Duvall Dog Walk. She wanted to clarify that the money requested would be used for outside advertising to bring people into Duvall. She heard there were concerns that the City would be providing funding for a fundraiser. She wanted to be sure that it was known that the money would be used specifically to advertise and bring people into Duvall.

Frances Cox, owner Duvall True Value Hardware, said he is extremely angry that it was implied earlier in the meeting that he was a liar regarding being notified of the proposed road closure for Duvall Days. He said he has been a business owner in Duvall for over 25 years. He and his wife have won all kinds of awards, and have been given awards for all of the services and donations that they have provided in the past for these types of things and events. He stressed that any time a business speaks out or does anything that is against these types of events they run the risk of being labeled as greedy businessmen with no concern for the community. He said that anyone that believes that does not know him. He stated the first that he heard of the closure of Main Street was in a letter that was given to him that also requested donations for the event. The letter implied the event and road closure were already decided on. He and the other businesses around the block were never consulted about this. One day of business revenue sometimes isn't a lot to give up, but this event takes place during their busiest time of the year. On that particular Saturday they would be forced to donate approximately \$10,000 to Duvall Days. How many other businesses would donate \$10,000 to Duvall Days, or be forced to donate \$10,000? He wants to know why is he being forced to donate that kind of money? Other business owners that he has spoken with are also against closing Main Street for the Duvall Days event. He is not happy about this whole situation.

IV. Approval of Consent Agenda:

It was moved and seconded (Walker-Ockerlander) to approve the consent agenda which included Payroll checks #9817-#9836 in the amount of \$206,410.41; Claims including electronic funds transfer and checks #9921-9999, #9826, #9841, and #9836-9840, in the amount of \$145,139.26; and approving the Council Meeting minutes of 1/28/10; The motion carried. (7 ayes).

V. Presentation: Amaro Oden – 2009 Annual Report – Senior Services

Amaro Oden, Director of the Sno-Valley Senior Center, presented the 2009 Annual Report on the Sno-Valley Senior Center. She gave a presentation and overview detailing the many services that the Senior Center provides and the many people that it serves every year. She reported that the Senior Center served 2,163 seniors in 2009. They offered 1,703 programs, and their volume of use (how many times programs were used) was 27,732 uses. 213 volunteers worked with the Senior Center staff and donated 18,436 hours of time to make those opportunities available. The Center's two shuttles and two vans (sponsored by the City of Duvall) helped transport local seniors around the valley and on day trips. Some of the things that the Center is the most proud of from 2009 are saving the Adult Day Health Program, opening a money-making thrift store, piloting a 100% "Cooked From Scratch" lunch program, passed the \$100,000 mark for fundraisers, and they also secured the highest amount of funding ever through grants and sponsorships.

VI. Scheduled Items:

1. Mayor: Mayor Ibershof reported that he and staff will work with Jay Beavers on a proposal to bring Google's high-speed internet pilot program to Duvall. Mayor Ibershof

also announced that King County Executive Dow Constantine will be out to visit and tour Duvall next Wednesday, February 17th. Lastly, Mayor Ibershof thanked everyone that helped him out with the foreign exchange student program with South Korea this year.

2. Council:

a. Councilmember Gérard Cattin reported that he recently attended the King County Emergency Management (KCEM) Advisory Committee Meeting. He reported that they discussed many items, one of which is that Region 6, which Duvall is a part of, is planning on conducting an upcoming very large-scale emergency exercise. He believes that it would be worthwhile for the City of Duvall, as well as the Fire District, to participate in this emergency exercise. The Committee also reviewed and discussed the Puget Sound Regional Catastrophe Preparedness program and identified a couple of gaps that exist. One of the gaps is that the evacuation and sheltering program currently is designed for 5,000 people, but the need is estimated to be between 10,000 – 15,000 people. The Committee is going to look for local government coordination to help accommodate the excess of people that may need to be relocated. The Committee also discussed the top 5-7 priorities and those discussions will continue at their next meeting.

b. Councilmember Amy Ockerlander gave an update on where the current state legislation is that was discussed at the last Council Meeting. She also reported that she attended her first Suburban Cities Association Public Issues Committee meeting. There is discussion of a possible county-wide ballot measure to increase sales tax to specifically deal with public safety and criminal justice. Another item the Committee brought up is regarding the Growth Management Planning Council update to their policy regarding transit land use. It may be something that the Duvall City Council may want to discuss a little further at the next Council Meeting. She has concerns about some of the language as it seems to prioritize all transit services into urban centers. That could impact our transit services here in the valley.

VII. Public Hearing: None

VIII. New Business:

1. (AB10-12) Confirm Mayor Ibershof's appointment of Claire Mitchell to the Duvall Library Board Youth Position, a 1-year term ending May 31, 2011. *It was moved and seconded (Walker-Kuntz) to confirm Mayor Ibershof's appointment of Clair Mitchell to the Duvall Library Board Youth Position, a 1-year term ending May 31, 2011. The motion carried. (7 ayes).*

2. (AB010-13) Approve and authorize the Mayor to award and sign the contract for the NE 145th & 275th Avenue NE Sidewalk Improvements Phase 2 to West Coast Construction. *It was moved and seconded (Gill-Walker) to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract for the NE 145th Street & 275th Avenue NE Sidewalk Improvement Phase 2 to West Coast Construction. The motion carried. (7 ayes).*

3. (AB10-14) Approve and Award the Grant Funding recipients for the 2010 City of Duvall Human Services Grant Funding proposals. *It was moved and seconded*

(Cattin-Walker) to approve and authorize the Mayor to award the 2010 City of Duvall Human Services Grant Funding to the following agencies: \$4,200 to St. Vincent de Paul, and \$9,685 to the Sno-Valley Senior Center. The motion carried. (7 ayes).

4. (AB10-15) Approve and Award the Grant Funding recipients for the 2010 City of Duvall Community Event Grant Funding proposals. *It was moved (Cattin) to approve and authorize the Mayor to award the 2010 City of Duvall Community Event Grant Funding to the following agencies: \$18,525 to the Duvall Days event, and \$600 to the Community Egg Hunt.*

It was moved and seconded (Walker-Kuntz) to amend the award to reallocate the remaining undesignated Community Event Grant Funds in the amount of \$2,185 to the Human Services Grant Award for the Sno-Valley Senior Center. The amendment carried. (7 ayes).

It was moved and seconded (Cattin-Kuntz) to approve and authorize the Mayor to award the 2010 City of Duvall Community Grant Funding as amended. The motion carried. (7 ayes).

IX. Scheduled Items:

3. Staff Reports:

a. Public Works Director, Steve Leniszewski, reported that Phase 2 of the 275th Avenue Sidewalk Project will begin in two weeks. The Third Avenue Water Main Project bids will go out on Tuesday, February 16. The bids will close on March 4th, and the engineers estimate is around \$1 million. Steve reported that Shaun Tozer, Project Manager, was at WH Pacific all day with TSI working on closing out the Main Street Project. Steve said he will work more closely with the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) to get City of Duvall transportation related projects identified on the PSRC Transportation Improvement Plan project list to help Duvall become eligible for more grant funding opportunities. As Duvall's trips and population rise, we may become more successful in securing grant funding for future transportation projects. Lastly, Steve reported that the Duvall Farmer's Market will be holding a market this year in Duvall. Brown Avenue, between Ring and Richardson Streets, has been selected as the location for the Duvall Farmer's Market this year. Steve has spoken with all of the neighboring businesses and also Metro Transit regarding holding the Farmer's Market at that location.

b. Finance Director Harry Oestreich reported that he attended the Puget Sound Finance Officers Meeting where the Deputy State Treasurer gave a presentation on the current investment environment. Investment Fund rates are down, and the State Investment Pool is currently earning interest of .27 percent. Fifty percent of the City of Duvall's investments are invested in the State Pool and are earning that rate. The other 50 percent are invested in two-year agencies and they are earning about 1¾ percent interest. The City's cash position at the end of 2009 in the general fund is right where the City predicted it would be. The Finance Department had budgeted to carry forward \$1 million from 2009 to 2010, and currently the balance in the General Fund is \$1,050,000. He emphasized that going into 2010, the City should not have the same issues as it ran into mid-year of 2008. He will continue to monitor the cash and expenses. He emphasized

that the City cannot overspend and must keep an eye on its revenues. He will be monitoring this very closely and will make appropriate adjustments to expenditures as needed.

c. Police Chief Glenn Merryman distributed a hand-out on a Friends of Youth program called "Guiding Good Choices." He explained that the Duvall-Carnation Police Department will be taking on some new roles and responsibilities including participating in this local program being offered by the Friends of Youth. He said if anyone knows any good candidates to participate in this series of informational classes, it is highly recommended. Chief Merryman also reported that the new DARE officer has been very busy. He is in his second week and he has three elementary classes in Carnation, three classes in Duvall, and a class at Eagle Rock. The DARE officer and the program have been well-received.

d. Fire District #45 Chief John Lambert, said that most everyone may already be aware of this, but he wanted to be sure that everyone knew the sad news that former Fire Chief Dave Harder passed away earlier this week. Chief Harder served the Fire District for over 30 years. For a good portion of that time Chief Harder was also the City's Fire Chief, prior to City of Duvall annexing into Fire District #45 in 1987. A public memorial service will be held for Chief Harder on Saturday, February 20, 2010, at 1:00 pm, at the Duvall Church. A reception will follow at the Fire Station.

X. **Executive Session:** *None*

XI. **Adjournment:**
It was moved and seconded (Gill-Brudnicki) to adjourn. The motion carried. (7 ayes).
The meeting Adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Signed _____
Mayor Will Ibershof

Attest _____
Jodee Schwinn, City Clerk